



The WA4IWL Newsletter



President's Message

Happy New Year! EARS finished off 2007 with a pleasant holiday party, thanks to Marty-N4FA. Thanks also to Diane and Diana for sharing their musical talent and leading us

in a few carols. You can sample the fun had by all though the photos placed on the club website at www.earsradioclub.org. The final list of nominees for the 2008 EARS Officers was announced, and the new officers will be installed at the January meeting.

Santa was kind enough to bring me my first HF Radio. I set up the Kenwood TS-850S and G5RV antenna right away. I've made a few contacts and even got a QSL card for my second contact from the QTH. I plan to eventually put a tower up to raise the antenna higher in the air, but at least I'm on the air with the antenna strung between trees. I hope everyone else had a pleasant holiday season and we are eagerly awaiting what 2008 has in store for us.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



EARS Meeting Minutes November 15, 2007

The December meeting was our Christmas Party at the Boca Royale Country Club in Englewood, Florida, held on December 15, 2007. One item of business at the

meeting was a report of the Nominating Committee, with the results as follows:

President	Matthew Henry-KE4VEM
Vice President	Tom Hawes-WA3PRC
Treasurer	Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX
Secretary (Shared)	Ken Blackshaw-W1NQT Ken Anderson-W4JQT
Trustees:	Martin Horowitz-N4FA Keith Kelly-KC5AS Pam Eggleton-K1UEG

Per our By Laws, election of these candidates will be held at the January, 2008 annual meeting.

Ken Anderson - W4JQT
Secretary

ARRL DX Announcement

QST de W1AW
Special Bulletin 8 ARLX008
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT December 27, 2007
To all radio amateurs

New Prefix for Bosnia-Herzegovina Officially
Announced

In response to a request from the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina in August, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) withdrew the call sign prefix allocation T9A-T9Z for Bosnia and Herzegovina and made a new allocation, E7A-E7Z. The change was made initially on a provisional basis under authority of the ITU Secretary-General and was confirmed by the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference to be effective November 17, 2007.

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

P.O. Box 572
Englewood, FL 34295

President Matthew Henry-KE4VEM 380-5980	Vice-President Keith Herve-WL7CKY 460-0507	Secretary Ken Anderson-W4JQT 475-3172	Treasurer Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX 473-5560
Trustee Martin Horowitz-N4FA 473-1123	Trustee Pamela Eggleton-K1UEG 475-9727	Trustee Thomas Hawes-WA3PRC 627-4644	Trustee Emeritus Don Spencer-WA4IWL 508-234-8070

EARS Meeting

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30PM. Meeting location is the ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 700 E. Dearborn St. (Pine St. & River Road).

Contact one of the officers for directions to the meeting room.

Interested in becoming an EARS member or becoming an Amateur Radio operator? Please contact one of the EARS club officers for details.



According to International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ, the Ministry of Communications and Transport (BiH) held a press conference in Sarajevo on December 18 to formally announce the change. Minister Dr Bozo Ljubic explained the desirability of changing a prefix that initially was allocated during wartime and how it was now being replaced with one that has no connection to that troubled time; similar steps have been taken with regard to passports, drivers' licenses and automobile registrations, he said. Ljubic also observed that the costs associated with the change were minimal compared to the benefits.

EARS Directory Update

Please notify the EARS treasurer or newsletter editor of changes to your mailing address, phone number or Email address.

Internet Sites to Explore

Qlock is a quick, stylish, simple yet powerful World Clock <http://www.qlock.com>
Optimize your News (also by the makers of Qlock) <http://www.threz.com>
Vic-K4VHX
If you find links which might be useful to hams, please forward them to the editor:

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

Kenwood TS-850S HF Transceiver w/autotuner \$500
13.8 Vdc 27 amp. Power Supply. \$60

Heathkit IM-5217 Portable High Impedance Volt/Ohm Meter. \$20
All in good condition.

Ken Anderson, W4JQT, 475-3172 or kand2@verizon.net
Contact the Editor to add your equipment.

- Local Happenings -

VE Exam Sessions: The exams are given at 9:30 A.M. the 2nd Saturday of each month in the conference room of the Venice public library, 300 South Nokomis Avenue, Venice, FL. The exam cost is \$14.00. Contact Jack Sproat-W4JS, w4js@juno.com, 475-1929.

RACES: Communications Training Nets are held on the last Thursday and Friday of each month. The Wednesday night Emergency Communications Information Net begins at 8PM on 146.745 (-) MHz. On Thursday the Englewood EOC will conduct their Tactical Net beginning at 9:30AM on 146.865 (-) MHz.

QCWA Chapter 53 Meeting: 11:30 A.M., 1st Wednesday of each month at Denny's on Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, October through May, and the Panda Pavilion in Venice June through September.

Snowbird Net: Net is twice daily; first on 14.278 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.230+ MHz at 7:00 P.M.

Connecticut Connection Net: Net is twice daily at 8:00 A.M. on 14.340+ MHz and at 7:30 P.M. on 7.225 MHz immediately after the Snowbird net.

Two Meter Nets

EARS	Simplex 146.550	Wednesday	7:30pm
NPARC	147.120+	Tuesday	8:00pm
CARS	146.745-	Daily	8:30am
TARC	Simplex 146.580	Tuesday	7:30pm
TARC	146.805-	Thursday	7:30pm

Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7 A.M. at Denny's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Angeles in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Peach's in Venice.
- Friday, 8 A.M. at Denny's, 1681 US 41 Bypass, Venice.

EARS Christmas Party

Lots more pictures can be viewed on our EARS Website. www.earsradioclub.org



Florida January Hamfests

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>

- ◆ 12 Jan 2008 Southwest Florida Hamfest and Computer Show, Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Araba Shrine Auditorium, 2010 Hanson Street Ft. Myers, FL <http://www.fmarc.net>, Talk-In: 146.880 (PL 136.5), Contact: Lawrence W. Zimmer, W4LWZ, 1719 Northwest 21st Street, Cape Coral, FL 33993, Phone: 239-282-1526, Fax: 239-282-1536, Email: W4LWZ@arrl.net
- ◆ 12 Jan 2008 UCF Tailgate, Amateur Radio Club at University of Central Florida, University of Central Florida, 4000 Central Florida Blvd Orlando, FL <http://k4ucf.ucf.edu/>, Talk-In: 146.640 (PL 103.5), Contact: Steven Dick, KG4YDW, MMAE Dept. ENGR 307, 4000 Central Florida Blvd., Orlando, FL 32816-2450, Phone: 407-823-4385, Email: ssd.tail@mmae.ucf.edu
- ◆ 26 Jan 2008 Arcadia Hamfest, DeSoto Amateur Radio Club,, Turner Civic Center Exhibit Hall, 2260 NE Roan Street, Arcadia, FL, <http://www.desotoarc.org>, Talk-In:

147.075+, Contact: Jim Ebner, N8JE, 5905 NE Cubitus Avenue, Lot 124, Arcadia, FL 34266, Phone: 863-494-4094 or 863-244-1420 (cell), Fax: 863-494-4094, Email: n8je@arrl.net

January Special Events

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html>

- ◆ Jan 1-Jan 15, 0000Z-2359Z, Paris, France. ARP Radio-Club de Paris, TM8P. 40th anniversary of the "Ville de Paris". 14.275 10.110 7.075 3.775. QSL. Association des Radioamateurs de Paris, ARP Radio-Club de Paris, 66 Avenue de la Republique, Paris 75011, FRANCE. Award available for contact with all 5 special event stations. See URL for complete details. http://arp75.free.fr/PortailARP/img/DVP_regles_rule.jpg
- ◆ Jan 1-Jan 31, 0000Z-2359Z, All US call areas. Straight Key Century Club, K2A. Celebrating 2 years and over 3500 members on CW. 14.050 10.120 7.055 3.550. QSL. Dan Rhodes, KA3CTQ, 5408 Chillingham Pl, Frederick, MD 21703. www.skccgroup.com
- ◆ Jan 1-Mar 31, 0000Z-2359Z, Karlovo, Bulgaria. Balkan Contest Club, LZ130LO. 130th Anniversary of the liberation of Bulgaria. various bands. QSL. Balkan Contest Club, LZ1KZA, PO Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, BULGARIA. Special awards for multiple contacts. See URL for complete information. www.qrz.com/lz130lo
- ◆ Jan 5, 1600Z-2000Z, Clinton, IA. Clinton Iowa Amateur Radio Club, W0CS. Mississippi River Lock and Dam 13 Bald Eagle Watch. 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Clinton Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1501, Clinton, IA 52733-1501. W0CS@arrl.net or www.qrz.com/w0cs
- ◆ Jan 6, 1900Z-2300Z, Columbus, NC. Southern Paradise Amateur Radio Club, KJ4AWL. Kid's Day Special Event Station. HF and VHF. QSL. KJ4AWL, PO Box 125, Mill Spring, NC 28756. See additional information on Website. QSL card available. www.serendipityrancher.com/sparc.htm
- ◆ Jan 12, 1700Z-2359Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, NI6IW. Commemorating first aircraft landing on USN ship USS Pennsylvania Armored Cruiser #4 in 1911 and start of Operation Desert Storm 1991. 14.325 7.250 14.060 7.040. QSL. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. kc2gyv@yahoo.com
- ◆ Jan 13, 1500Z-2200Z, Bethpage, NY. Ham Radio University, W2V. Ham Radio demo at Ham Radio University 2008. 14.260 7.260. QSL. Phil Lewis, N2MUN, 22 W Belle Terre Ave, Lindenhurst, NY 11757. www.HamRadioUniversity.org
- ◆ Jan 19, 1300Z-2300Z, Brooksville, FL. Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club, W4B. 28th Annual Brooksville Raid, Florida's largest Civil War reenactment. 146.805 18.130 14.260. Certificate. SHARC-BP, PO Box 6083, Spring Hill, FL 34611. www.kf4ixu.org

- ◆ Jan 19-Jan 21, 1500Z-2300Z, Ashton, IA. KB0NMQ Family, KB0NMQ. Operation Desert Storm/1st Gulf War Remembered. 18.150 14.280 7.220. QSL. Mark Carlson, Box 272, Ashton, IA 51232. We also plan to operate weekends through March 2 as time allows. alaskamark@nethtc.net
 - ◆ Jan 26-Jan 27, 1400Z-2000Z, Wilsona Gardens, CA. BioRem RAC Edwards AFB North Base, AL7LS. Release date for movie Hot Rods to Hell 27 Jan 1967. LSB 7.243 7.091 3.952 BBS 14.105. Certificate. Bruce Rossi, AL7LS, 2127 Sierra Stone Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89119. www.geocities.com/hrthspecialevent08/index.html
 - ◆ Jan 26-Feb 9, 0000Z-2359Z, Paris, France. ARP Radio-Club de Paris, TM4A. 40th anniversary of the "Ville de Paris". 14.275 10.110 7.075 3.775. QSL. Association des Radioamateurs de Paris, ARP Radio-Club de Paris, 66 Avenue de la Republique, Paris 75011, FRANCE. Award available for contact with all 5 special event stations. Please see URL for complete details
 - ◆ [Http://arp75.free.fr/PortailARP/img/DVP_regles_rul_es.jpg](http://arp75.free.fr/PortailARP/img/DVP_regles_rul_es.jpg)
 - ◆ Jan 31-Feb 3, 1700Z-2200Z, Washington, PA. Washington Amateur Communications, W3C. Washington County Annual Sports Show. 14.250 7.260. QSL. Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI, 60 Carl Ave B-2, Eighty Four, PA 15330. n3zni@arrl.net
- WA7BNM January Contest Calendar**
- <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>
- ◆ SARTG New Year RTTY Contest 0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
 - ◆ AGCW Happy New Year Contest 0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
 - ◆ AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1600Z-1900Z, Jan 1 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Jan 1 (432)
 - ◆ ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800Z, Jan 5 to 2400Z, Jan 6
 - ◆ EUCW 160m Contest 2000Z-2300Z, Jan 5 and 0400Z-0700Z, Jan 6
 - ◆ Kid's Day Contest 1800Z-2400Z, Jan 6
 - ◆ Hunting Lions in the Air Contest 0000Z, Jan 12 to 2400Z, Jan 13 070 Club PSKFest 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 12
 - ◆ MI QRP January CW Contest 1200Z, Jan 12 to 2359Z, Jan 13
 - ◆ Midwinter Contest, CW 1400Z-2000Z, Jan 12
 - ◆ North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Jan 12 to 0600Z, Jan 13
 - ◆ NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW 0530Z-0730Z, Jan 13
 - ◆ Midwinter Contest, Phone 0800Z-1400Z, Jan 13
 - ◆ NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB 0800Z-1000Z, Jan 14
 - ◆ DARC 10-Meter Contest 0900Z-1059Z, Jan 13
 - ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Jan 17
 - ◆ LZ Open Contest 0400Z-1200Z, Jan 19
 - ◆ UK DX Contest, RTTY 1200Z, Jan 19 to 1200Z, Jan 20
 - ◆ Hungarian DX Contest 1200Z, Jan 19 to 1200Z, Jan 20
 - ◆ North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Jan 19 to 0600Z, Jan 20
 - ◆ ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes 1900Z, Jan 19 to 0400Z, Jan 21
 - ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Jan 21
 - ◆ CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 0000Z, Jan 26 to 2359Z, Jan 27
 - ◆ REF Contest, CW 0600Z, Jan 26 to 1800Z, Jan 27
 - ◆ BARTG RTTY Sprint 1200Z, Jan 26 to 1200Z, Jan 27
 - ◆ UBA DX Contest, SSB 1300Z, Jan 26 to 1300Z, Jan 27
 - ◆ SPAR Winter Field Day 1700Z, Jan 26 to 1700Z, Jan 27